(b) the action taken to ensure that only rabi rice is procured under levy and not those intended for schemes like the food for work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) A Committee had been constituted by the FCI to suggest measures to check the recycling of rice being issued from FCI godowns under various Scheme to the State Governments Keeping in view the recommendations made by the Committee, Government has advised the State Governments to- strictly enforce the following measures so as to ensure that the levy system is not misused by the rice millers to extract undue gains:—

(i) The State Government may ensure that millers have purchased paddy at MSP rates and issue a Certificate to this effect;

(ii) Complete and correct accounts may be insisted on by the rice millers on the quantity of paddy purchased, the quantity miled and the quantity which the miller is authorized to deliver;

(iii) Paddy should be purchased directly from farmers; and

(iv) Levy during the current season may be fixed only for the paddy purchased during the procurement season.

Construction of godown in Coochbehar

1971. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 972 given in Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Senior Regional Manager, F.C.I. West Bengal Region had proposed to construct one 10,000 M.T. capacity godown at Coochbehar *vide* his letter dated.the 7th September, 2001; and

(b) if so, the time-frame thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) Senior Regional Manager, FCI, West Bengal addressed a letter dated 7th September, 2001 to various District

Managers, with a copy to the Zonal Manager, FCI, Kolkata requesting for selection of suitable lands for the construction of godowns including at Coochbehar for 10,000 MTs. However, no specific proposal has been received by FCI Headquarters in this regard so far.

Dues of sugarcane farmers against sugar mills in Uttaranchal

†1972. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of money of the farmers is due against the sugar mills in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the amount of farmers due against these mills;

(c) whether there is any proposal to give assistance to the State Governments and mills through a package from the Sugar Development Fund for the payment of dues to the farmers of some States including Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, when and how much assistance would be made available to Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh from the said fund for the payment of dues to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (d) The amount of cane price dues payable by sugar mills in Uttaranchal was about Rs. 170.43 crores (as on 30th June, 2003).

2. There is no proposal under consideration, at present, to extend assistance in this regard from the Sugar Development Fund.

Rehabilitation of Super Bazar

†1973. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:

DR. ABRAR AHMED:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the rehabilitation and opening of Super Bazar lying closed for the last two years, especially in Delhi;

† 0riginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.